REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 16-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 20 has been amended to be in independent form. Claims 1-8, 10, and 12-15 and 20-28 are pending and under consideration. 37 CFR 41.33(a) allows for amendments to cancel claims, and to make remaining claims independent, in order to present the claims in better form for appeal.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

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